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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election dated March 26, 2002, setting a one (1) month term for response.

REMARKS

By the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requested Applicants to elect one of the following inventions:

Group I (claims 22-29) drawn to nucleic acids; and

Group II (claims 30-34) drawn to methods of detecting nucleic acids.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, which includes and is drawn to claims 22-29. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute non-elected subject matter in subsequent divisional applications.

According to MPEP §803, a restriction requirement is proper only if (A) the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed, and (B) there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if